1	2	3	4
17.	Gujarat	249	25
18.	Nagaland	7	0
19.	Delhi	31	1
20.	Sikkim	2	0
21.	West Bengal	11	0
22.	Meghalaya	10	0
	TOTAL	878	262

Envelops Containing Anthrax

†1425. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of envelops containing anthrax that are reported to have been received by post, so far, in the country;

(b) whether all such envelops have been duly examined;

(c) the report of the said examination;

(d) whether Government have any information regarding the senders of these envelops; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) National Institute of Communicable Diseases, 22, Sham Nath Marg, Delhi-110054, an Institute under Directorate General of Health Services has been designated as the nodal agency for carrying out the tests of suspected Anthrax samples. A round the clock control room is functioning (Telephone Nos. 3912901 (Between 10.00 AM to 6.00 PM) and 3971875 (Between 6.00 P.M. to 10.00 A.M.) to receive and test the suspected samples. Till the evening of 27th November, 2001, 322 suspected envelopes were received in the NICD for testing. 303 samples have already been tested, none was found positive.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was receeived in Hindi.